IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
SIDE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.377 OF 2007

Venkatesh Bugga Reddy ...Applicant.
V/s.
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

Shri Subhash Zha, Sr.Adv.with Laxmi Menon, advs. i/b M/s.Law Global for the Applicant.
Smt.R.M.Gadhvi, APP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM: J.H.BHATIA, J.
DATE : 7th March, 2007.

P.C.:

1. After some discussion at bar, Mr.Zha the learned counsel for the applicant makes a statement that the present applicant has been so far in custody for more than 30 months and for the last about 30 months, he is continuously in jail and his case is not taken up for trial. The other three accused, who were put to trial were convicted for the offence punishable under Section 387 of the I.P.C. and have been sentenced to undergo R.I. for two years only. However, in view of the fact that the present applicant had absconded and his case could not be taken up, Mr.Jha does not press the application for bail. However, he seeks direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial and dispose off the case within stipulated period.

2. Application stands disposed off as not pressed.

3. However, the Sessions Court, Greater Bombay is hereby directed to expedite the trial of the present applicant in Sessions Case No.512 of 2005 arising out of crime no.405 of 1993 registered at Dongri Police Station and to dispose off the case as far as possible within two months. In case, the trial is not completed within the stipulated period, the concerned Additional Sessions Judge shall give reasons and seek extension of time.

(J.H.Bhatia,J.)